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Applicant : Goetzl et al.) Group Art Unit 1642
Appl. No. : 09/274,752)
Filed : March 23, 1999)
For : HUMAN POLYPEPTIDES)
RECEPTORS FOR)
LYSOPHOSPHOLIPIDS AND)
SPHINGOLIPIDS AND)
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING)
THE SAME)
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DECLARATION OF DR. EDWARD J. GOETZL

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Dear Sir:

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I, EDWARD J. GOETZL, do declare and say as follows:

1. I am an inventor of the above-identified patent application.
2. I am familiar with claims 1-11 and 21-31 under examination in the above-identified patent application.
3. I am a co-author of the following paper: Songzhu An, Thieu Bleu, Olivia G. Hallmark, Edward J. Goetzl, "Characterization of a Novel Subtype of Human G Protein-coupled Receptor for Lysophosphatidic Acid", *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 273(14):7906-7910 (April 3, 1998) ("the An *et al.* paper").
4. At the time the work disclosed in the An *et al.* paper was performed, Thieu Bleu and Olivia G. Hallmark were research assistants, performing routine experiments under the direction and supervision of Dr. Songzhu An and myself, the two named inventors in the present application.

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5. It is my belief, based upon my personal knowledge of the individual contributions of each of the four authors of the An *et al.* paper, and my understanding of the subject matter of claims 1-11 and 21-31 of the present application that Dr. Songzu An and myself are the only inventors of the present application, and that the An *et al.* paper describes the joint work of Dr. Songzu An and myself.

6. I declare further that all statements made in this Declaration of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent granted thereon.

Dated: Oct, 17, 2002

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